

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 10-12 and the substance of claim 9 is noted with thanks. The substance of claim 9 has now been incorporated into main claim 1. It is noted that none of the prior art references cited in this case show the provision of an actuating arm with first and second portions pivotally joined with the section being welded to the lever arm. It is believed that this feature constitutes the patentability in the combination and that it's permitted scope goes beyond the limitations of the intervening dependent claims 2-8. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 1, as amended, is allowable along with all the subsequent dependent claims.

The remaining references cited by the examiner have been reviewed and found not to show or teach applicant's inventive concepts.

In view of the amendment to the claims and the discussion above, reconsideration and allowance of this case is respectfully requested.



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Claim Amendments Showing Changes

1. An actuator rod for a turbocharger pressure control assembly, the actuator rod comprising a first elongate portion defining a first rod end, and a second portion defining a second rod end, said first and second portions being pivotally joined to one another to allow a degree of relative pivotal motion between said two portions in at least one plane perpendicular to the axis of said elongate first portion, said second portion of the actuator rod being welded to said lever arm.

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